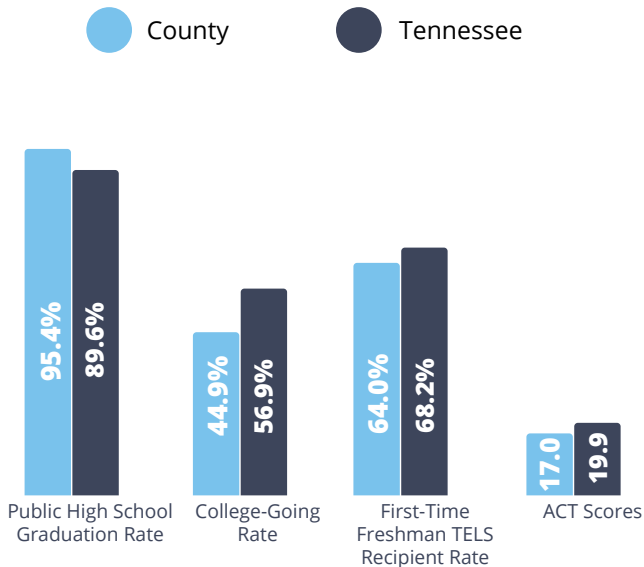


# 2022 Higher Education County Profile

## Union County

### Community Education Snapshot



Note: 2020 Public High School Graduation Rate and 2020 Average ACT Scores provided by [IDOE](#). 2020 College-Going Rate provided by TELS Recipient Rate for Fall 2020 provided by [THEC](#).

### Top Colleges Selected by 2020 High School Graduates

1. Pellissippi State Community College, Walters State Community College - 19
2. Roane State Community College - 12
3. Lincoln Memorial University, TCAT Knoxville - <10
4. UT Knoxville - <10
5. East Tennessee State University - <10



### In-Demand Occupations by Projected Growth by Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA)

1. Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors
2. Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
3. Maintenance Workers, Machinery
4. Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists
5. Physical Therapist Assistants

Note: 2020 Top Occupations are identified annually in [THEC Supply and Demand Report](#), using data provided by TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development and TN Department of Economic and Community Development. This list represents top five occupations by projected growth. Additional in-demand occupations in the LWDA can be found on [THEC's website](#).

Education Attainment Rate (age 25-64)	County	TN
Adults with HS+	81.1%	89.4%
Adults with Some College, No Degree	14.5%	21.2%
Adults with AA+	18.7%	36.9%
Adults with BA+	10.1%	28.9%

Socioeconomic Profile	County	TN
Share of Population in Poverty	22.0%	15.2%
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	5.3%
Population Ages 25-64	10,297	3,512,269
Rate of Population Growth (2019-2021)	0.8%	2.5%
Population Projections (2021-2031)	0.6%	7.1%
Median Household Income	\$44,671	\$53,320

**69.3%**

filed the FAFSA in 2020-21 as compared to **75.1%** overall in Tennessee.

Note: Overall filing rate for the 2020-21 FAFSA.

**14.5%**

of adults ages 25-64 have some college, but no degree compared with **21.2%** in Tennessee.

**10**

additional students must enroll in college to increase the college-going rate by **5 percentage points**.

**1**

designated VETS Campuses serve the county.

**4**

financial aid outreach events in 2020-21 with **55** attending.

An additional 2,967 events occurred statewide, serving an additional 16,882 Tennesseans.

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## Tennessee Student Assistance Award



**850**

**Eligible Students**



**159**

**Awards**



**\$247,249**

**Awarded**

This scholarship provides non-repayable need-based financial assistance to undergraduate students who are residents of Tennessee. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment, at least part-time, at a public or an eligible non-public postsecondary institution in Tennessee. The TSAA is a state-funded grant program.

*Total awarded during 2020-21 academic year.*

## Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship	Recipients
HOPE Scholarship	105
HOPE with GAMS	7
HOPE with Aspire	45
Access Award	0
Dual Enrollment Grant	70
HOPE Foster Care Grant	1
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship	0
Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant	28
<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>	<b>\$917,195</b>



**201**

public high school seniors applied for Tennessee Promise in the 2019-20 school year. **44.8%** of those applicants enrolled as part of the Tennessee Promise program in the 2020-21 school year.



**66**

grant applications for Tennessee Reconnect were received for the 2020-21 school year. A total of **16** Reconnecters were served by Tennessee Reconnect Communities.



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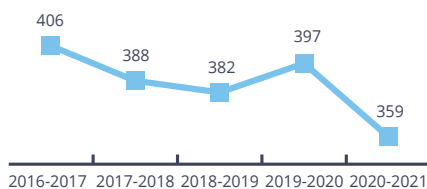
schools participated in Path to College, which provides resources and information to students, building a college-going culture in their schools.



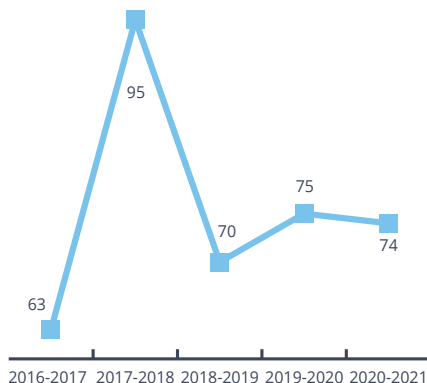
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students have successfully completed the **SAILS** (Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support) Math co-requisite remediation model to decrease the number of students requiring remediation in college.

## **Undergraduate Enrollment**



## **Undergraduate Degree Completion**



*These graphs represent public community colleges and universities.*

## **Grant Programs in Union County**

### **GIVE 2.0 Community Grants - TCAT Knoxville - Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Knoxville's Union County Distress Relief Plan**

**- \$999,858** The Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) is designed to foster long-term regional partnerships between Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), community colleges, industry, economic development/workforce agencies, and K-12 to identify and address "skills gaps" in local workforce pools. Through a competitive grant process, grants of up to \$1 million were made available to local collaboratives for periods of up to thirty (30) months to facilitate the development and implementation of employer-driven career pathways that include both K-12 local education agencies (LEAs) and higher education institutions.

**SPARC Grants 3.0 - \$124,703** Supporting Access in Rural Communities (SPARC) grants provide funds for K-12 Career and Technical Education Departments to align program offerings to industry needs and postsecondary education, increase early postsecondary opportunities, and increase work-based learning opportunities.

### **Veterans Reconnect Grant - Walters State Community College - \$30,000**

**- 230 Students Served** The FY 2021-23 competitive Veteran Reconnect Grant gave all Tennessee Board of Regent institutions the capability to provide Student Veterans and military family members a one-time Military Transition Grant of up to \$300. The micro-grant will assist those students with a financial need in hopes that they persist in their academic studies.

*Date Completed 1/1/2022. Due to the unique nature of the 2020-2021 academic year, several data points may not be comparable with past profiles.*